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1. ALTERNATE US REP INMARSAT CONFERENCE MET SEPT. 2 TO DISCUSS CHIREP ISSUE WITH UK, FRENCH AND FRG REPS SAME CONFERENCE WHO WILL ALSO LEAD THEIR RESPECTIVE DELS TO INTELSAT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES. EACH SAID HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CONTINUED ROC ACCESS REGARDLESS OUTCOME MEMBERSHIP ISSUE, BUT ADDED THAT IF PRC WERE TO JOIN INTELSAT AND THEN WERE TO MAKE STRONG DEMARCHE AGAINST ROC ACCESS, THEY WOULD BE UNABLE SUPPORT ROC USE EXCEPT ON TERMS SATISFACTORY TO PRC.

2. THERE WAS BELIEF IF ROC WITHDREW IN ADVANCE OF MEET-
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ING THAT IT WOULD IMPROVE CLIMATE FOR HANDLING ACCESS

ISSUE, BUT NO ONE HAD PROPOSAL FOR HOW TO ADDRESS ACCESS AT MEETING. WHEN ASKED IF AT TIME THEY SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF PRC TAKING SEAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ROC CONTINUED ACCESS THEREBY ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, EACH HESITATED BUT SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY. INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION BY PARTIES SYMPATHETIC TO ROC ACCESS WAS NOT WHOLLY DISCOUNTED AS POSSIBLY USEFUL, BUT IN VIEW OF PRESENT LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PRC INTENTIONS ON ACCESS, IT WAS THOUGHT NOT TO BE TACTICALLY WISE IN THAT IT MIGHT PROVOKE THE PRC TO TAKE A STRONGER POSITION THAN IT MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE TAKEN.

3. GENERAL BELIEF WAS THAT CONTINUED ACCESS COULD NOT BE COUPLED WITH MEMBERSHIP ISSUE AT NAIROBI. HOWEVER, ONCE PRC POLITICAL OBJECTIVE MET, I.E., EXPULSION ROC, ACCESS COULD BE HANDLED IN SATISFACTORY FASHION. NONE-THE LESS, NO ONE HAD ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT POSITION PRC WOULD NOT, ONCE A MEMBER, MOVE TO CUT OFF ROC ACCESS.

4. UK PARTICULARLY BELIEVES PRC WOULD HAVE TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION AND SIGN OPERATING AGREEMENT TO JOIN INTELSAT, AND THAT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION COULD NOT PURPORT TO CONFER MEMBERSHIP. (INTELSAT REPRESENTATIVE WHO WAS ATTENDING INMARSAT CONFERENCE IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION TOLD ALTERNATE US REP THAT INTELSAT EXECUTIVE ORGAN CONSIDERS IT LIKELY THAT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION WILL INVITE PRC TO TAKE SEAT AT MEETING AND THAT IT LIKELY A PRC REPRESENTATIVE FROM PRC EMBASSY IN KENYA WILL APPEAR AND BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT DURING BALANCE OF MEETING.) UK ALSO REITERATED ITS PROBLEM THAT RESOLUTION EXPLICITLY CALLING FOR EXPULSION WOULD PRESENT TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY, AS UK HAD NEVER RECOGNIZED ROC AND COULD NOT NOW LOGICALLY VOTE TO EXPEL THEM FROM MEMBERSHIP UK HAD NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED.

5. FRG REP SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT FRG AMBASSADOR PEKING BE REQUESTED TO EXPLORE ACCESS ISSUE WITH PRC. ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC WOULD BE SOLELY CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THE CONTEXT OF FRG INTERESTS AND THERE WOULD BE NO REFERENCE TO USG INTERESTS.

6. DELS EXPRESSED HOPE WE WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH THEM PRIOR TO MEETING, AND THAT BILLER WOULD CONSULT DURING COURSE OF MEETING.

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